

Amendment and Response

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REMARKS

The following remarks are made in response to the Final Office Action mailed March 3, 2009. In that Office Action, claims 5-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Nordin, U.S. Patent No. 5,804,274 ("Nordin"). Claim 19 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nordin as applied to claim 16, and further in view of Truong et al., U.S. Publication No. 2004/0074520 ("Truong"). Claims 15 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nordin as applied to claim 16, and further in view of Kresse, U.S. Patent No. 4,961,242 ("Kresse").

With this Response, claims 5 and 16 have been amended. Claims 5 and 7-22 remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

35 U.S.C. §§102, 103 Rejections

Independent claims 5 and 16 have been amended to recite that the stiff fibers include polypropylene fibers. Support for this language is found, for example, at page 2, lines 19-21, and page 5, lines 5-8. In rejecting claims 5 and 16, the Office Action references the loops 3 of Nordin as teaching the stiff fibers of claims 5 and 16. However, Nordin discloses that the long loops 3 are 100% polyester. *Nordin at col. 4, ll. 1-3*. Because Nordin intends for the long loops 3 to have absorption capabilities (*Nordin at col. 3, ll. 21-22*), one of skill would not reasonably consider the polypropylene fibers as claimed due to the inherently little water absorbency provided by such fibers (*pg. 5, ll. 7-8*).

In light of the above, amended claims 5 and 16 are allowable over the cited art. Claims 6-15 depend from claim 5, and thus are also allowable. Claims 17-22 depend from claim 16, and thus are also allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 5 and 7-22 are in form for allowance and are not taught or suggested by the cited references. Therefore,

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reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of claims 5 and 7-22 are respectfully requested.

No fees are required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16(h)(i). However, if such fees are required, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0471.

The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's representative at the below-listed telephone numbers to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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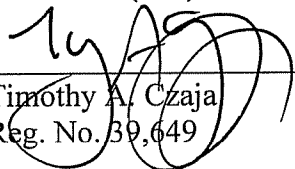
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